

Board of Health Meeting
August 11, 2011
5:00 PM
Town Building

Minutes

Present: Marcia Rising, Chair
Betty Cormier
Sylvia Daley, members
Jack Wallace, Health Agent

Also present: Kathleen Willis, Planning Board
Susan Latham, Animal Control Officer
Cyndie Colosi, Administrative Assistant
See attached list for attendees

5:00 Meeting was called to order. Permits signed, Minutes reviewed from previous meeting. The Board decided to take the minute's home and review them and Marcia requested that they be given the minutes prior to the meeting next month so they can approve them before the meeting.

Discussion Item: **Blood Pressure Clinic**

Discussion about the Blood Pressure Clinic, Sylvia will talk to Heather Hurley, Acton Public Health Nursing about privacy issues with the patients. Sylvia will follow up with Alyson Toole and Heather about confidentiality.

Marcia requested that Linda Cullen, Town Nurse, provide notes as to what she is providing in home care, educational talks and monthly communicable disease reports to the Board of Health.

Cyndie asked about scheduling the nurses for the year for the blood pressure clinic. A list will be updated with the nurses current license information and back ground checks. Cyndie will call the nurses and follow up with a schedule for the Blood Pressure Clinics.

Discussion Item: **Planning Grant**

Marcia will go to the next meeting on August 12, 2011 to learn more about the grant. There are still questions as to whether the State has the money available for this grant.

5:30 Susan Latham, Animal Control Officer

Susan asked when a meeting would take place with the Highway Dept. regarding the letter that was written to the Board of Health. Marcia stated that she would have a preliminary meeting with them first. Susan requested that she be able to meet with them. Marcia said that a meeting would be scheduled after she meets with them.

Discussion Item: **Dog Kennel**

Susan presented a list to the Board of Health as to what her items of importance are to repair the kennel.

1. She would like to see a storage shed, Rubbermaid preferably to store blankets and bedding that would be protected from rodents. She said it would cost about \$600.00.

2. She would like the piece of old equipment moved that is to the right of the kennel to provide better access to the small storage shed.
3. Electric repair to replace old wiring, provide new siding to cover new electric and also install a motion detection light for security at night.
4. Climate control: suggested a combination air conditioning/heating unit.
5. Replace windows.
6. Insulate walls, with something that dogs will not be able to chew.
7. Flooring- radiant heat? Fix so proper drainage and ability to clean out runs. Repair drainage outside flush out and put end caps on.
8. Chain link fencing- repair with 2-3 runs with metal dividers.

Marcia will forward this list to Craig Martin, Building Commissioner. He is looking into finding contractors.

12 Salamander Lane-Title 5 Inspection Extension

Request from the homeowner at 12 Salamander Lane to grant an extension on the Title 5 Inspection Report for one year. Jack had Casaceli look at it, it had been vacant for a year. Marcia moved to grant the Title 5 Inspection that was performed on August 12, 2009 to be extended until August 12, 2012. Sylvia seconded, all in favor. A letter will be sent to the homeowner.

6:30 John Sangermano- Lake Boon Beach Testing

John Sangermano, Stow Recreation Committee, asked about the best practices for testing the water at Lake Boon, during the summer season. He said if a water test fails it causes severe impact on the beach use. John has been plotting the results on a scale, he feels more frequent testing would show a better result. He asked, "Are there some classical best practices that would maximize the chances of passing?"

He stated that a lot of work had gone into improving the beach area and a failed water test hurts everything. Currently the Board of Health has the water tested weekly by Microbac Laboratories in Worcester, MA for E. coli bacteria. John asked why there is such a variable weekly in the colony count. Jack explained the run off has been greatly reduced by the plantings on the shore and around the lake. The counts have all been within normal limits this year. Betty stated that it is rare that the beach would have to close. Betty thought that the recreation commission should educate the beach goers. Jack explained that using the geometric mean, that one week of a higher test wouldn't necessarily mean closing the beach. Marcia explained that the budget only provides for once a week testing, and that is what most towns do with their public beaches.

86 Adams Drive- Requested Variance for New Septic System

Septic system failed, need new replacement system. Variance requested for 4-5 bedroom system. The lot is large enough to support a 5 bedroom house. It will exceed Title 5 requirements of 100% but not meet Stow's Local requirement of 150 %. Marcia made a motion to grant a variance at 120 % Betty seconded, all in favor.

Agent Report

7 Dawes Lane

Jack and Marcia have been communicating with Ed Fasulo, homeowner. He would like to clean up the yard on his own, and he will have until August 31, 2011 to remove the trash. Mr. Fasulo will let Jack know as soon as he removes the trash from his property. If the trash is not removed by 8/31/2011 the Board of Health will contact one of the three rubbish haulers that provided estimates to Jack to remove the trash.

OARS Study

The report was received in the Board of Health office from the Selectmen's office today, about the study of the Assabet River. The study involves the water quality monitoring of Elizabeth Brook and phosphorous runoff. Jack will review the report and it will be put on the next meeting agenda

Climate Control Survey

Jack submitted the information for the survey. The state decided that they wanted a climate control survey on how warming trends affect the Town.

Stable Licensing

The Board discussed what to do if a Stable License is not renewed for a year and then the residents come back the following year to reapply. Jack and the Board agreed that they must reapply as a new stable and meet the requirements.

67 Elm Ridge Stable License

Jack would like the Animal Inspector to be involved in the on going issues with the Stable in noncompliance.

7:00 PM Board of Health Meeting continues with Medical Reserve Corps Executive Committee

In attendance: Sharon Brownfield, Rini Kester, John Sangermano, Nancy Plumhoff, Rebecca Stadolnik, Michael Matatia.

Discussion: The roles and independence of the Medical Reserve Corps.

John Sangermano asked how much independence does the MRC have in regard to the budget and jobs.

Sharon Brownfield stated the MRC should be in a support role not the lead; it can't function without the Board of Health Budget,

Marcia Rising- commented that the Board may not have communicated well about the budget and said she thinks it is great what the MRC has done, filled a very important slot and the working relationship between the BOH and the MRC has been a good thing.

Sharon Brownfield asked what has prompted this meeting?

Jack stated there has been a flat plane for a while and he went to a Region 4 A meeting today and would like to revive our cause. He does not want to step out but would like the Executive Committee to handle the meeting agendas and minutes.

Michael Matatia stated it is a problem many members can't take time off from work to attend the meetings, they are not conducive to a volunteer organization.

Betty Cormier stated that Jack's position as Health Agent is a 15 hour a week position and he is busy with a huge workload. What can the Executive Committee do to be more involved?

Michael Matatia asked what is each of the member's jobs/job descriptions?

Sharon Brownfield stated people could be more involved and should have specific job descriptions.

The combined meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next Board of Health Meeting

September 8, 2011

5:00 PM